### **High Power Microwave Tube**

**Sustainability Improvement** 

**Technology Project Roadmap** 

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### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

High power microwave tubes are used in radar, communications, and electronic warfare systems and subsystems throughout DoD. While newer systems may employ solid state microwave emitter technology, high-power communications and electronic warfare systems will continue to be built with tubes because of required power levels. Weapon systems already developed and fielded will continue to use these tubes for decades to come.

DoD has found these tubes hard to support. There are problems with long lead-times, cost, and product quality – particularly with manufacturing yield and early failure upon installation in the field. A Joint Committee on Aging Aircraft (JCAA) study found these tubes used on over 200 weapon systems.

The industry is in decline. The microwave tube industry is relatively small with about \$400M in U.S. sales annually (half the world market); the DoD represents approximately 80 percent of the total sales. While the technology continues to evolve slightly, the manufacturing methods for these tubes remain highly manual and labor intensive. Further, the industry is small, few primary manufacturers for military applications. Many of the designs are DoD unique and have only a single source of supply.

DSCC must continue to support legacy systems, and new systems with these components. There are numerous problems associated with the industrial base's ability to support these items as production is plagued by long lead-times, low manufacturing yield, inefficient processes, material availability and product quality. Sustainability problems are further plagued by:

- There are only a handful of U.S. based electron tube manufacturers. These companies make specialized products while relying on a supplier base that is diminishing with sole and offshore sources.
- The manufacturing base is rapidly losing capabilities and reliant on inefficient equipment and manual processes to manufacture these items. This manufacturing base is struggling to keep up with demand. A survey of a dozen selected electron tubes indicates that backorder quantities grew from under 20 in 2004 to over 1200 in 2008.
- The industrial base has a difficult time responding to sporadic and unpredictable demand. This results in slow and delinquent deliveries and ultimately a large number of backorders. The same survey of a dozen selected tubes indicates that the average late shipment for these tubes ranged from 9 days to 78 days.
- These tubes are primarily DoD and not supported by the commercial market. It is estimated that up to 80% of the U.S. demand supports military requirements.

A JCAA effort conducted in ~2002 investigated manufacturing issues, and found:

- Low yield (<50% typical, 10% for specific applications)
- Labor intensive assembly process
- Inspection and test do not detect failures until final assembly is complete
- Lack of flexible/agile manufacturing can result in lead times exceeding 24 months

A recent study (2007) by the DoD Microwave Tube Executive Agent concludes that there will be a significant amount of electron tubes in use by the various Services of the DoD for the next 20

years (see Figure 1). In addition, very little research and development resources have been applied over the last decade to address significant issues facing the sustainability of microwave tubes in support of DoD requirements.

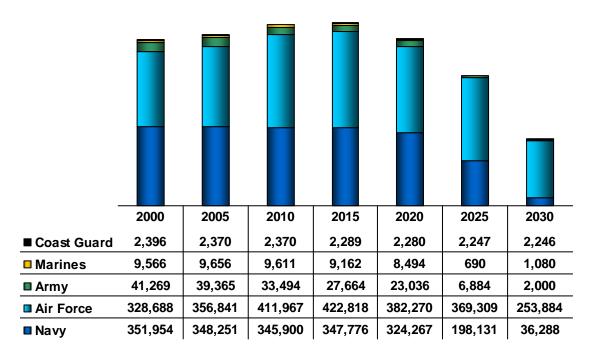


Figure 1: Projected Number of Electron Tubes in Use

Within these electron tube applications are those high powered microwave tubes used to support radar transmitters/ transceivers, radio frequency jammers and other electronic warfare components in use for various Service systems such as Phalanx, Harpoon, Aegis, Patriot, AMRAAM, AWACS, Standard Missile, AN/APN 245 Aircraft Landing System, APQ 122, Lantirn, AEGIS, MATCALS, SPS-48E, Patriot Ground Base, ASR9 ATC Radar. The projected use of these tubes for a selected subset of these targeted systems is provided in Figure 2.

Figure 2: Future Use of Electron Tubes in Selected Target Applications

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The objectives of this project are to identify, analyze and eventually pursue opportunities to improve warfighter support and sustainability of high-power microwave tube parts used in fielded weapon systems. Phase I of this effort will result in a roadmap of miniprojects with benefits to high power microwave tube manufacturing, quality, supply, and product design. Upon the conclusion of Phase I, this roadmap and associated miniprojects will be submitted for approval to their associated potential funding sources.

### 2.0 Approach

This roadmap effort was performed jointly by LMI, Crane, and their industrial partners with oversight and contributions by DSCC. The result is this roadmap of proposed projects that offer the most benefit in improving the sustainment of microwave tubes used by the warfighter. Each mini-project has been formed with its own stand-alone objectives, approach, schedule, cost and rationale. However, they have been grouped in five main topic areas: process automation, supply chain visibility, equipment upgrades, strategic material sourcing and process documentation.

The following describes those activities that comprise the approach to developing this roadmap.

- ➤ Characterize Supply Chain Performance A current characterization of DLAs microwave tube manufacturing, supply chain and quality was used to baseline current manufacturing and supply performance. Analyses of supply chain metrics as order fill time, wholesale inventory levels, price, and requisition histories were assessed using historical data on DLA microwave tubes.
- ➤ Identify Needs and Opportunities: Work with DSCC and the manufacturers to look at needs and opportunities to adjust or improve ordering based upon allowing the manufacturers to run a continuous production line, avoiding the problems that come from gaps in production. Continuous production would refine the production process, improve configuration management baselines, and reduce lead time.
  - In addition, we also examined the impact of limited material sourcing and conducted multiple site visits of CPI/Eimac, L-3/Electron Devices and CPI/Beverly. Discussion with these manufacturers focused on identifying potential projects to improve manufacturing and supporting processes to reduce lead time, improve yield, and reduce costs. The team also looked into areas to improved quality of product sent to the field.
- ➤ *Identify Mini Projects:* Based upon those areas of opportunities identified, miniprojects were developed in coordination with the manufacturers that have the potential to improve the sustainment of microwave tubes.
- ➤ Conduct Business Case Analysis and Develop Roadmap: The intent was for each project to be assessed on their impact to overall objective and metrics using proper business case analysis techniques. However, very little data was provided by the manufacturers to conduct a proper BCA. This roadmap will document our final recommended projects. Project rationale is provided for each project where data was provided.

This project is first and foremost about improved readiness. As a result of conducting this effort, and the funding of the associated roadmap mini-project, the DoD and the microwave power tube industrial base will be better prepared to continue to produce quality products at a reasonable cost as the demand decreases due to changes in technology. While these technologies will help to improve the sustainment of these items, it will do nothing to eliminate or reduce the warfighter tube requirements. The three expected outcomes are:

- 1. Greater availability of assets using microwave power tubes, including radar and communications systems;
- 2. Improved manufacturing base;
- 3. Improved product quality.

### 3.0 BCA Rationale

During the course of this study, LMI and Crane developed a Project BCA Template for manufacturers to submit their project ideas. This Project Template can be found attached as Appendix A. The template includes a section for proposed project description along with customary BCA data such as projected start up and operational costs, and expected benefits of the project measured against baseline metrics. A schedule, key personnel and implementation strategy were also requested.

While the manufacturers provided meaningful project ideas, the project information provided (based on the Project BCA Template) did not contain enough detail to develop a complete rationale for the mini-projects using customary business case rules. A summary of the rationale for each project is provided in Section 4.2 below.

### 4.0 Roadmap Summary

The original intent of this project was to provide a roadmap of microwave tube projects that could be submitted only for consideration of IBIF II funding. Many valid projects were proposed that involved the purchase of capital equipment and other factors that would have made them ineligible for IBIF II funding. However, these projects were deemed as viable candidates for other funding sources. We decided to look at other, more appropriate avenues of funding for these projects so that they would be included in our roadmap. These other sources of funding include the DLA Warstopper Broad Agency Announcement (BAA), the DLA R&D Project Call ("Headroom"), and DPA Title III activities. In many cases, proposed projects merited submittal to more than one potential source of funding. The following quad charts summarize the projects that are included in the roadmap.

### 4.1 Propose Projects

The manufacturers were very cooperative in developing 14 project proposals to improve the sustainability of high power microwave tubes. We were able to group the proposals in the five categories. The following lists the five categories and the proposed projects associated with each category:

### • Process Improvement/Automation

- 1. Spot Welding Improvement
- 2. Inert Product Line Pump Stations
- 3. Residual Gas Analyzers
- 4. Automated Process Welder
- 5. Cathode Cutting

### • Strategic Material Sourcing

- 6. Receiver Protector Glass Window Obsolescence
- 7. Frequency Agile Magnetron Motors
- 8. Receiver Protector Point Contact Schottky Diode

### • Supply Chain Visibility

9. Supply Chain Visibility Technology

### • Sustain/Replace Aging Equipment

- 10. Automated Low Power Test Set
- 11. Parallel Device Modulator
- 12. Low Power Age Station

### • Process Documentation Improvements

- 13. Manufacturing Process Workstation Documentation
- 14. UID, RFID Process Automation

A quad chart briefly describing each project has been provided:

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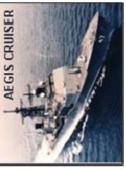
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### 4.2 Project Rationale

The following provides the cost and expected benefits of the proposed projects:

### **Process Improvement/Automation**

<u>Project</u>	Estimated Cost	<u>Benefits</u>
1) Spot Welding Improvement	\$40,000	Sustained capability for life of existing systems 90% reduction in scrap 10% increase in capacity 10% reduction in welding time
2) Inert Atmosphere Product Line Pump Stations	\$155,000	Annual savings in materials and labor of ~ \$10,000 per year  5% reduction in lead time  3% reduction in process scrap
3) Residual Gas Analyzers	\$165,000	10% increase in equipment capacity     5% improvement in yield     improved product quality
4) Automated Process Welders	\$ 115,000	>99% welding process yield     Seam welding of Thyratron cathode cycle time reduced 50%     Reduced labor/visual inspection     Reduced data entry errors
5) Cathode Cutting	\$11,000	Reduce processing time     Increased quality

### **Strategic Material Sourcing**

<u>Project</u>	<u>EstImated</u> <u>Cost</u>	<u>Benefits</u>
Receiver Protector Glass     Window Obsolescence	\$500,000	Material no longer available – creates an alternate source
7) Frequency Agile Magnetron Motors	\$1,000,000	Increase availability of motors —     currently diminishing capability
8) Receiver Protector Point Contact Schottky Diode	\$250,000	Increase availability of diodes — currently 1 supplier with diminishing capability

### **Supply Chain Visibility**

<u>Project</u>	Estimated Cost	<u>Benefits</u>
9) Supply Chain Visibility Technology	\$200,000	Reduce lead time by 15% Reduce the occurrence of line shut down Increase Quality Decrease late shipments

### **Sustain/Replace Aging Equipment**

<u>Project</u>	Estimated Cost	<u>Benefits</u>
10) Automated Low Power Test Set	\$315,000	Increase repeatability Retained production capacity – currently at risk Elimination of in process damage Improved product quality
11) Parallel Device Modulator	\$115,000	Reduce manufacturing cycle time from 14 to 10 days     In tandem with automated welding can reduce cycle time 33%
12) Low Power Age Station	\$351,000	Retained production capability  15% reduction in lead time  Reduce equipment down time – now at 30%  40% increase in aging capacity  increased product repeatability

### **Process Documentation Improvements**

<u>Project</u>	Estimated Cost	<u>Benefits</u>
13) Manufacturing Process Workstation Documentation	\$40,000	Reduced scrap Reduced lead time Increased throughput Increased quality
14) UID, RFID Process Automation	\$75,000	Reduce lead time by 4-6 days     Reduce data errors     Automate and reduce processing steps

### 4.2 Project Submittal Strategy

We have identified 4 potential funding sources for the various proposed projects: Industrial Base Innovation Fund (IBIF) II BAA, DLA Warstopper BAA, DLA R&D 2009 Project Call ("Headroom"), and the DPA Title III Program. The details for the IBIF II BAA and DLAWarstopper BAA project submittals are provided as appendices. The following provides a strategy for each proposed project in terms of these 4 potential funding sources. Each project has funding sources identified in a time phased manner.

### 4.2.1 IBIF II Submittal Strategy

The following summarizes those projects that are to be submitted for IBIF funding consideration. The projects selected for IBIF submittal are in bold. Due to IBIF restrictions, the project team requested that the manufacturers submit their project ideas in response to the BAA. LMI will submit the Supply Chain Visibility Technology project proposal. Due to IBIF restrictions, projects are limited to a no more than a year in duration and funding limit of \$1M.

### Industrial Base Innovation Fund II

Project	Duration	Funding Request
Process Improvement/Automation		<u>FY09</u>
1) Spot Welding Improvement	3 Mos	\$40 K
2) Inert Atmosphere Product Line Pump Stations	4 Mos	\$155K
3) Residual Gas Analyzers	5 Mos	\$165K
4) Automated Welding Process	9 Mos	\$115K
5) Cathode Cutting	3 Mos	\$11K
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6) Receiver Protector Glass Window Obsolescence	24 Mos	-
7) Frequency Agile Magnetron Motors	60 Mos	-
8) Receiver Protector Point Contact Schottky Diode	12 Mos	-
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11) Parallel Device Modulator	9 Mos	-
12) Low Power Age Station	18 Mos	-
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13) Manufacturing Process Workstation Documentation	4 Mos	\$40K
14) UID, RFID Process Automation	9 Mos	\$75K
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### 4.2.2 DLA Warstopper Program Submittal Strategy

The following summarizes those projects that are to be submitted for DLA Warstopper Program funding consideration. The projects selected for Warstopper submittal are in bold. NSWC – Crane will provide support to the manufacturers for project submittal. The DLA Warstopper Program allows for multi-year funding requests.

### **DLA Warstopper Program**

Project	Duration	Funding Request		
Process Improvement/Automation		FY09	FY10	FY11
1) Spot Welding Improvement	3 Mos	\$40 K	-	-
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3) Residual Gas Analyzers	5 Mos	-	-	-
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8) Receiver Protector Point Contact Schottky Diode	12 Mos	\$75K	\$175K	-
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10) Automated Low Power Test Set	8 Mos	_	\$50K	\$265K
11) Parallel Device Modulator	9 Mos	_	\$115K	· <u>-</u>
12) Low Power Age Station	18 Mos	\$200K	\$451K	-
Process Documentation Improvements				
13) Manufacturing Process Workstation Documentation	4 Mos	-	-	-
14) UID, RFID Process Automation	9 Mos	-	-	-
Total		\$605K	\$1,316K	\$565K

### 4.2.3 DPA Title III Program Submittal Strategy

Only one project was deemed as a potential DPA Title III Program candidates The submittal process will need to be researched further for proper consideration by the DPA Title III program.

### **DPA Title III**

Project	Duration	Fundi	ing Red	quest	
Process Improvement/Automation		<u>FY10</u>	<u>FY11</u>	<u>FY12</u>	FY13
1) Spot Welding Improvement	3 Mos	-	-	-	-
2) Inert Atmosphere Product Line Pump Stations	4 Mos	-	-	-	-
3) Residual Gas Analyzers	5 Mos	-	-	-	-
4) Automated Welding Process	9 Mos	-	-	-	-
5) Cathode Cutting	3 Mos	-	-	-	-
Strategic Material Sourcing					
6) Receiver Protector Glass Window Obsolescence	24 Mos	\$200K	\$700K	\$400 K	\$200K
7) Frequency Agile Magnetron Motors	60 Mos	-	-	-	-
8) Receiver Protector Point Contact Schottky Diode	12 Mos	-	-	-	-
Supply Chain Visibility					
9) Supply Chain Visibility Technology	11 Mos	-	-	-	
Sustain/Replace Aging Equipment					
10) Automated Low Power Test Set	8 Mos	-	-	-	-
11) Parallel Device Modulator	9 Mos	-	-	-	-
12) Low Power Age Station	18 Mos	-	-	-	-
Process Documentation Improvements					
13) Manufacturing Process Workstation Documentation	4 Mos	-	-	-	-
14) UID, RFID Process Automation	9 Mos	-	-	-	-
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Total		\$200K	\$700K	\$400 K	\$200K

### 4.2.4 DLA R&D Project Call Submittal Strategy

During the course of our study, another potential funding source emerged as the DLA R&D Project Call ("Headroom") activity. Work was started on proposing an Electron Tube project from DSCC. The candidate projects to be included in this effort, along with the phased funding, are in bold below.

### DLA R&D Project Call

Project	Duration	Fund	Funding Request				
Process Improvement/Automation		FY09	FY10	FY11			
1) Spot Welding Improvement	3 Mos	\$40 K					
2) Inert Atmosphere Product Line Pump Stations	4 Mos	\$145K	\$10K	_			
3) Residual Gas Analyzers	5 Mos	· -	· <u>-</u>	-			
4) Automated Welding Process	9 Mos	\$90K	\$25K	-			
5) Cathode Cutting	3 Mos	\$11K	-	-			
Strategic Material Sourcing							
6) Receiver Protector Glass Window Obsolescence	24 Mos	\$270K	\$450K	\$200K			
7) Frequency Agile Magnetron Motors	60 Mos	-	-	-			
8) Receiver Protector Point Contact Schottky Diode	12 Mos	-	\$75K	\$175K			
Supply Chain Visibility							
9) Supply Chain Visibility Technology	11 Mos	\$50K	\$100K	-			
Sustain/Replace Aging Equipment							
10) Automated Low Power Test Set	8 Mos	-	-	-			
11) Parallel Device Modulator	9 Mos	-	\$115K	-			
12) Low Power Age Station	18 Mos	\$200K	\$451K	-			
Process Documentation Improvements							
13) Manufacturing Process Workstation Documentation	4 Mos	\$40K	\$10K	_			
14) UID, RFID Process Automation	9 Mos	\$75K		-			
Crane/LMI Project Management \$250K \$300K \$150K							
Total		\$1,125K	\$1,100K	\$900K			

### **Appendix 1: BCA Template**

### 1.0 Project Title:

**2.0 Project Functional Area:** (Manufacturing, Supply Chain, Quality, or Design)

### 3.0 Background /Problem Statement:

This section introduces the problem(s) being addressed by the proposed project and answers (at a high level) the questions for "Why?" the project should be conducted. Describe the current business environment and the specific sustainability challenges that this project will address.

### 4.0 Proposed Project

### 4.1 Goals and Objectives

Explain the goals and objectives of the proposed project and how it supports the DLA's mission of sustaining high powered microwave tubes.

### **4.2 Project Description**

Describe the details of project and associated activities that need to be accomplished to meet the goals and objectives of the project.

### 4.3 Project Scope

Describe what is and is not being considered in the scope of the project. Identify key stakeholders, including what organizations and functions will be affected, and what activities are key to its failure or success.

### 4.4 Assumptions

Assumptions are necessary in project evaluation as they are explicit statements used to describe present and expected future behavior upon which the benefits of the project are based and any assumptions associated with financial analysis. Examples include future demands, impact of other known initiatives or weapons program, future availability of sub-components and raw materials, etc.

### **4.5** <u>Costs</u>

- **4.5.1 Project Costs** Costs for conducting the proposed project.
- 4.5.2 <u>Investments</u> Costs required beyond the project phase to introduce into operational use the new capability; to procure initial, additional, or replacement equipment; to initially train/re-train workers; or to provide for major modifications of an existing capability. They exclude research, development, test and evaluation, and recurring costs such as operation and maintenance costs
- **4.5.3** Operational/Maintenance Recurring costs for operations and maintenance of the new capability.

### 4.6 Anticipated Benefits/Metrics

Provide relative performance metrics of effectiveness and efficiency of activities, operations, and processes in support of achieving DLA's goal of improved sustainability of high-powered microwave tubes. Of key importance are which performance metrics will be impacted by successful completion of the project compared against the status quo.

Examples of performance metric include lead time, manufacturing throughput, cost, yield, etc.

Provide a baseline that quantifies/characterizes the current business environment using the stated performance metrics. Estimate the impact on potential benefits derived from the envisioned end-state system after project implementation relative to certain specified performance metrics.

### 4.7 Project Schedule/Milstones

Identify key project activities and milestones with associated expected duration or due dates.

### 4.8 Project Time Phased Budget

Source/FY (\$ in Millions)	FY 0	FY +1	Add columns as needed
R&D			
(show other funding if appropriate)			

### 4.9 Project Participants/Key Personnel

Identify all major organizations included on the project team along with the key members of each organization and their roles.

### 5.0 <u>Implementation Strategy:</u>

Describe how the results of the project will be implemented and by whom. Describe any implementation risk and external dependencies that may affect the success of achieving full benefit of the project results.

### Appendix 2: IBIF II BAA Proposal Instructions

The following is the IBIF II BAA Proposal Instructions as posted at https://www.dodmantech.com/ibif/IBIF2.pdf

Notice Type: Combined Synopsis/Solicitation

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in the Physical, Engineering, and Life Sciences (except Biotechnology)

Synopsis:BAA 0003-09 BROAD AGENCY ANNOUNCEMENT (BAA) RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

FOR DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY (DLA) INDUSTRIAL BASE INNOVATION FUND

POINT OF CONTACT: Mr. John Dormer, Contracting Officer Defense Supply Center Philadelphia

### Industrial Base Innovation Fund II

**Solicitation Number: BAA000309** Agency: Defense Logistics Agency Office: DLA Acquisition Locations

Location: DES Contracting Services Office Philadelphia

DLA Contracting Support Office DCSO-P

700 Robbins Avenue, Building 26-1 Philadelphia, PA 19111 john.dormer@dla.mil

### 1. BACKGROUND

The Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) seeks interested parties to propose innovative manufacturing technology and industrial base projects under the Industrial Base Innovation Fund Program (IBIF). The Congressional Report 110-335 "directs that the highest priority on investments be made in areas that support accelerating the surge production of items likely to be required in near-term military operations and in areas to preserve or expand diminishing critical defense industrial base. The Defense Logistics Agency is acting on behalf of the Department of Defense in executing the IBIF. Accordingly, all proposers are encouraged to submit proposals that will meet Congressional Direction. The scope of the IBIF program includes all of the manufacturing technologies supporting the Aviation, Maritime, Land and Troop Support Supply Chains. The goal of the IBIF program is to implement significant manufacturing technology improvements into these supply chains. Subject to availability of funds, a total Government investment of about \$10 million during Fiscal Year 2009 is planned to fund IBIF projects under this BAA. The expected cost range for proposals submitted under this BAA is up to \$1,000,000 with a period of performance of up to 12 months. The desirable outcome of a completed project is an advanced manufacturing capability that is implemented in the industrial base and supporting one or more current systems or troop support items. Contracts awarded under this proposal will be cost type contracts. FAR 16.301-3 states that a costreimbursement contract may be used only when the contractor's accounting system is adequate for determining costs applicable to the contract. Offerors must submit documentation showing that they do have adequate accounting systems. Proposals without this documentation will not be evaluated. The vision for the MANTECH Program is to enable a responsive, world-class manufacturing capability to affordably meet the warfighters' needs throughout the defense system life-cycle. The MANTECH Program matures and validates emerging manufacturing technologies to support low-risk implementation in industry and DoD facilities, e.g., depots and shipyards. The Program addresses production issues from system development through transition to production and sustainment. Investments are driven by defense-essential needs. The Program focuses on manufacturing-related needs that exist across industry sectors and throughout the product life-cycle. The primary benefit to the industrial base comes from the emphasis on transfer of the technologies from the initial demonstration application to the rest of industry. The IBIF program is focusing on the Production and Sustainment phases of the Development life cycle. The emphasis is on rapid, lowcost, high-quality manufacturing; efficient factory operations and supplier interactions; the decoupling of unit cost from production volume; improving surge capability for near-term military operations and in areas to preserve or expand diminishing critical defense industrial base; and reduction of foreign source dependence for critical defense Materiel. In the support and sustainment phase, the

concentration is on efficient manufacturing and maintenance processes, rapid, low-cost spares, and replacement parts acquisition.

### 2. GENERAL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Proposers must submit an original and eight (8) copies of full proposals and an electronic copy on a CD-ROM referring to BAA 0003-09 by 3:00 PM, local Philadelphia time on or before 16 March 2009 to the Point of Contact listed above in order to be considered. No additional information is available, nor shall a formal RFP or other solicitation regarding this announcement be issued. Requests for same shall be disregarded. The Government reserves the right to select for award all, some or none of the proposals received. This is an unrestricted acquisition. All responsible sources capable of satisfying the Government's needs may submit a proposal which shall be considered by DLA. Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) and Minority Institutions (MI) are encouraged to submit proposals and join others in submitting proposals; however, no portion of this BAA shall be set aside for HBCU and MI participation due to the impracticality of reserving discrete or severable areas of research in this technology. Large Business concerns are required to submit a Small Business/Small Disadvantaged Business Subcontracting Plan. For purposes of this acquisition, the size standard is 500 employees Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) 3462. All correspondence and questions on this solicitation, including request for information on how to submit a proposal to this BAA, should be directed to the POC at the top of the BAA; e-mail is preferred. Proposals may NOT be submitted by fax or e-mail; any so sent shall be disregarded.

### 3. TECHNICAL AREAS OF INTEREST

The primary focus of IBIF is the industrial base. The areas of interest align with the DOD supply chains: Aviation, Land, Maritime, and Troop Support. Supply chains are not directly correlated to a Military Service (Army, Navy and Air Force). For example, all missiles are included in the Aviation supply chain. If there is a missile related proposal, it should identify the specific missile/weapon system and the proposal's position in the supply chain (prime, subcontractor, etc) to implement the IBIF proposal results. The Troop Support Supply Chain includes Clothing and Textile Products (e.g. Uniforms, Body Armor etc.), Combat Rations (e.g. Meals-Ready-to-Eat, Unitized Group Ration, etc.), Construction and Equipment (e.g. Barrier material), and Medical. The technology thrusts of interest are Metals, Composites, and Electronics. The highest priority will be placed on investments made in areas that support accelerating the surge production of items likely to be required in nearterm military operations and in areas to preserve or expand diminishing critical defense industrial base. At lower tiers of the industrial base, it is understood that manufacturing technologies may cut across these Supply Chains or technologies, however, each offeror should clearly have identified a target application that will implement the proposed technology. Proposals without a clearly identified target application will not be considered for award. All manufacturing processes and systems are eligible for consideration, including but not limited to, new/alternative materials; faster, higher quality unit processes; reduction in process variation through advanced process control systems; tighter coupling of the supply chain through advanced information technology; establishing a reliable domestic capability to alleviate dependence on an unreliable foreign source; and implementing dual use (equally capable for civil and military applications) manufacturing capability to be available to DOD during time when a surge in production is needed; support accelerating the surge capabilities of items likely to be required in near term military operations and in areas to preserve or expand diminishing critical defense industrial base or eliminate foreign source dependence. Equal consideration will be given to all approaches that support accelerating the surge production of items likely to be required in near-term military operations and in areas to preserve or expand diminishing critical defense industrial base.

### 4. EVALUATION CRITERIA

To be eligible for award of a cost contract, all prospective offerors must meet certain minimum standards pertaining to financial resources, have an accounting system approved for performing a cost type contract, demonstrate proof of an approved accounting system, ability to comply with performance schedules, and a prior record of past performance, integrity, organization structure, experience, operational controls, technical skills, facilities and equipment. For additional information and guidance concerning qualifications and standards for responsibility of prospective contractors, please refer to Part 9 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR). As soon as the proposal evaluation is completed, the proposer will be notified of selection or non-selection. Selectable proposals will be considered for funding; non-selectable proposals will be destroyed. (One copy of nonselectable proposals may be retained for file purposes). Not all proposals deemed selectable will be funded. Decisions to fund selectable proposals will be based on funds availability and merits of the proposal. Proposals may be considered for funding for a period of up to one year. The Government reserves the right to select for award all, some or none of the proposals received. Proposals will not be evaluated against each other since they are not submitted in accordance with a common work statement. Evaluation of proposals shall be accomplished through a detailed review of each proposal, using the following criteria listed in descending order of relative importance:

- (1) Scope, metrics for measuring success, time frame for implementation and expected benefits of project implementation
  - Address the target applications of the technology
  - Address how the proposal will meet short term needs of the Department of Defense
  - Define and describe the metrics for measuring project success
  - Detail the expected benefits of implementation to the target application and applications beyond the initial target
  - Address how the project implements a dual use capability; mitigates a surge requirement, support
    accelerating the surge capabilities of items likely to be required in near-term military operations
    and in areas to preserve or expand diminishing critical defense industrial base or eliminate foreign
    source dependence.
- (2) Overall scientific and technical merit:
  - Soundness of the technical concept
  - Understanding the scope of technical effort needed
- (3) Past performance and scientific/ manufacturing/ technical experience:
  - The technical proposal must provide evidence of technical expertise, experience with the technologies included in the proposed approach
- (4) Organizational and Project Management
  - how the contract shall be managed
  - show that its organizational structure shall ensure performance stability, reliable customer service and commitment to DLA and IBIF

### Cost Realism

- Realism of total costs proposed

It is the Government's intention to award contracts based upon proposals that demonstrate knowledge, experience, and expertise in the technical areas of interest identified in Section 3. The proposal must demonstrate scientific and technical expertise in the proposed area. Proposals must provide information on past performance, which reflects related efforts and/or achievements, technological aptitude, management support, and potential contribution and relevance to the DOD mission.

### 5. PROPOSAL FORMAT

This BAA shall result in the award of multiple contracts. Selectable proposals will be considered for funding; nonselectable proposals will be destroyed. (One copy of non-selectable proposals may be retained for file purposes). Not all proposals deemed selectable will be funded. Decisions to fund selectable proposals will be based on funds availability and merits of the proposal. Proposals may be considered for funding for a period of up to one year. The Government reserves the right to select for award all, some or none of the proposals received. The Government contemplates award of cost type contracts as a result of this BAA. Proposals based on a type of contract other than that contemplated shall NOT be considered. Proposers who do not have an accounting system approved for doing DOD Cost type contracts will not be considered for award. The proposer should include evidence of approval of their cost accounting system in the Cost Proposal.

A TECHNICAL PROPOSAL and a COST PROPOSAL shall be submitted in response to this BAA. Technical proposals shall be submitted in the following format: 8 hard copies, 1 electronic copy in .pdf or MS Word compatible format. Technical proposals in response to this BAA shall be limited to fifteen (15) single sided, 8 and one-half inch by 11 inch pages, including Appendices and Attachments. If less than fifteen pages is required there is no penalty for submitting shorter proposals, as long as the offeror covers all the required material. Proposals longer than 15 pages will be rejected and will not be evaluated or considered for award. Type font shall be 12 point Times New Roman with 1 inch margins around the page.

### TECHNICAL PROPOSAL

The Technical Proposal shall contain the following sections:

- 1. Section I: A. Cover Page: (1) BAA number; (2) Supply Chain (Aviation, Land Maritime or Troop Support) (3) Technical Thrusts (Metals, Composites or Electronics); (4) Proposal Title; (5) Technical Point of Contact, including name, telephone number, FAX number, e-mail address, and mailing address; (6) Administrative/ Contracting Point of Contact, including name, telephone number, FAX number, e-mail address, and mailing address; and (7) Contractor's business type selected among the following categories: Large Business, Small Disadvantaged Business (SDB), Other Small Business, HBCU, MI, Other Educational, or Other Nonprofit. B. Summary of the Costs. The information contained in this section should be limited to one page.
- 2. Section II: Executive Summary: An Executive Summary of the offeror's proposed project is required. This

summary shall not be evaluated but shall be used to gain an understanding of the overall proposal contents. It should identify and highlight significant features, summarize innovative claims and unique contribution(s) of the proposal, and include the salient points of the proposed project, including target system applications and the expected outcome improvement associated with the project. The information contained in this section should be limited to two pages.

- (3) Section III: Detailed Proposal Information: The following evaluation factors must be addressed in the proposal: 1. Scope, Metrics to Measure Success, Time Frame for Implementation and Expected Benefits of Project Implementation; 2. Overall Scientific Merit; 3. Past Performance and Scientific/Manufacturing/Technical Experience; 4. Organizational and Project Management; 5. Cost Realism.
- (1) SCOPE, METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS, TIME FRAME FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND EXPECTED BENEFITS OF PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION: Offerors will address the applications (specific systems or components) of the technology. (Investments that would benefit a single system are the responsibility of system program managers and are not candidates for IBIF funding.) Identify the metrics of success for the proposal and the timeframe for implementing the technology in the target application. Metrics should be quantifiable and include baseline, threshold, and objective value estimates. The proposal should address how the manufacturing technology will address short term needs of the Department of Defense and the expected benefits. Address any impediments to implementing the technology and how those impediments will be overcome by the proposed effort. Offerors are cautioned that statements regarding the ability to implement manufacturing technology projects may be validated with Government engineering activities. For example, if an advanced material substitution is proposed the Offeror must demonstrate an understanding of the issues associated with and a schedule for getting the proposed substitution approved by the Cognizant Engineering Authority.
- (2) OVERALL SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL MERIT: Offerers will propose a Manufacturing Technology project that includes: (a) The improved Defense manufacturing capability to be established, expressed in terms of outcomes that are important to the Warfighter, Systems Program Office and/or Logistics Support Organization; (b) Statement of Work (SOW) written in plain English detailing the scope of the effort and citing specific tasks to be performed and specific contractor performance requirements; (c) Detailed technical approach, rationale, and strategy for accomplishing technical goals in support of innovative claims and deliverables; (d) Deliverables associated with the proposed research including a clear description of the results, products, and transferable technology should be provided. (e) Realism of the schedule and milestones for each task in the proposed efforts. Include all proprietary claims to results, prototypes, or systems supporting and/or necessary for the use of the research, results, and/or prototypes. If there are no proprietary claims, this should be stated.
- (3) PAST PERFORMANCE AND SCIENTIFIC/ MANUFACTURING/ TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE: Offerors shall provide information pertaining to prior significant and related work experience or expertise in any of the listed areas of interest, and how that expertise shall be beneficial to this program and their track record in dealing with system manufacturing. Offerors shall provide the five largest accounts/contracts/projects within the last three years for which they have provided services and/or supplies of a nature consistent with this program. Offerors shall include at least (2) points of contact and a telephone number for each account/contract, a description of the service or supply which was provided, as well as a brief performance history on each of those accounts/contracts. Where related work was performed with teaming partners, provide points of contact of teaming members to include company name, individuals and phone numbers. If no past performance related to systems manufacturing is available, offerors shall describe their track record in dealing with their comparable major customers and shall include supplemental information similar to that requested above.
- (4) ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT: Offerors shall provide evidence of how the contract shall be managed and show that its organizational structure shall ensure performance stability, reliable customer service and commitment to DLA and IBIF for the duration of the contract performance period. Specifically, offerors shall identify key personnel including the Project Coordinator permanently assigned to the contract; and other personnel with relevant qualifications and experience.

### COST PROPOSAL REALISM

The cost of each major cost element and the make-up of those costs should be presented in the offeror's proposal. Sufficient information should be provided in supporting documents to evaluate the reasonableness and realism of these proposed costs, including salaries, overhead, material purchases, fair market rental value of lease items and the method used for making such evaluations. A statement related to the latest DCAA audit and whether the offeror's accounting system has been approved by the DCAA. State if there are

currently negotiated DCAA rates and factors being used in the proposal. There is no page limit on the cost proposal volume. The cost proposal will include all of the cost information related to the Project Task, including:

Direct Labor : Individual labor categories or assigned persons with associated labor hours and unburdened direct labor rates

Indirect Costs: Fringe benefit, Overhead, G&A, Cost of Money, etc. (must show base amount and rate)

Travel: Number of trips, destinations, durations, etc.

Other Direct Costs: All other costs associated with the project should be itemized.

Contracts awarded under this proposal will be cost type contracts. FAR 16.301-3 states that a cost-reimbursement contract may be used only when the contractor's accounting system is adequate for determining costs applicable to the contract. Offerors must submit documentation showing that they do have adequate accounting systems. Proposals without this documentation will not be evaluated. Any proposal exceeding \$1 million will NOT be evaluated and proposals submitted that include capital equipment investments will NOT be evaluated; only incidental equipment costs will be considered.

### 6. PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE

A pre-proposal conference is scheduled on 12 February 2009 at the Hyatt Dulles, 2300 Dulles Corner Blvd, Herndon, VA 20171, and Telephone: (703) 793-6880 starting at 10:00 AM EST. The conference will explain and clarify the objectives of this program and the solicitation requirements, and respond to general questions raised by prospective offerors. Interested firms are encouraged to attend. If you plan to attend the pre-proposal conference, please send email to John Dormer at john.dormer@dla.mil with the following information for all who plan to attend:

- (1) Name of Firm
- (2) Name(s) and Title of Representative(s) who will attend
- (3) Address of Firm
- (4) Phone number(s), Fax number(s) and E-mail address(es)

Prospective offerors are requested to submit questions in writing prior to January 31, 2009 to allow for inclusion and discussion during the pre-proposal conference. Questions will be considered at any time prior to or during the conference. Responses to some questions may be incorporated in an amendment to the solicitation. The Government will not be liable for expenses incurred by an offeror prior to contract award. Offerors are cautioned that remarks and explanations provided at the conference shall not change the terms of this BAA unless amended in writing.

**Contracting Office Address:** 

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19111-5096

Place of Performance: Ft. Belvoir, Virginia 22060

**United States** 

**Primary Point of Contact.:** 

John J Dormer, Contracting Officer John.Dormer@dla.mil Phone: 215-737-2284 Fax: 215.737.7942

### **Appendix 3: DLA Warstopper BAA Proposal Instructions**

The following is the Broad Agency Announcement for the Warstopper Program Project Proposals:

BROAD AGENCY ANNOUNCEMENT (BAA) FOR DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY (DLA) WARSTOPPER PROGRAM PROJECTS DECEMBER 22, 2009

POINT OF CONTACT (POC): Nick Strasser, Contracting Officer
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### 1. **BACKGROUND**:

The Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) seeks interested parties to propose industrial base projects under the Warstopper Program. Interested parties should be those suppliers (both end item and raw material suppliers) that can offer a solution to production constraints that have limited your ability to meet demand spikes associated with wartime or contingency operations. The purpose of the Warstopper Program, as stated in O&M Program Element Code (PEC) 07080110 (A, D, F, N, S) Industrial Preparedness, is to ensure maintenance of "Those resources required for all plans, actions, or measures necessary to establish and maintain an industrial base, both government-owned and privately-owned, that is required to support current, wartime, or other contingency military requirements."

Fielding and sustaining superior weapons technology, troop support items, and energy resources are cornerstones of United States military strategy. The ability of the Department of Defense to obtain superior, affordable weapons in a timely manner relies on a strong domestic industrial base and access to reliable foreign manufacturing sources. The Warstopper Program is a program directed toward maintaining domestic manufacturing capability and eliminating dependence on unreliable foreign sources. The Defense Logistics Agency is acting on behalf of the Department of Defense in executing the Warstopper Program. Accordingly, proposers are encouraged to submit proposals that support DOD sustainment of fielded weapon systems, special equipment, clothing and textile items (to include nuclear, biological and chemical warfare defense gear), subsistence items and Medical materiel that are employed at higher usage rates during wartime.

The scope of the Warstopper Program includes all sectors of the industrial base necessary to support the Department of Defense with manufacturing capabilities sufficient to meet increased requirements during wartime and contingency operations. **Specific classes of supply and examples of Warstopper areas of interest can be found in Attachment A** The goal of the program is to maintain adequate manufacturing capability to support the seven (7) primary supply chains in Defense Logistics Agency that are responsible for wholesale supply support of the Military Services and other DoD agencies that respond to national emergencies. Subject to availability of funds, a total Government investment of about \$10 million during Fiscal Year

2009 is planned to fund Warstopper Program projects under this BAA. The expected cost range for proposals submitted under this BAA is up to \$2 million, with a base period of performance of up to 12 months with up to 4 additional 12 month option periods. The desirable outcome of a completed project is the acceleration of production for critical items or maintaining critical industrial capability during peacetime to ensure ramp-up time during surges in production is minimized. For selectable projects, DLA may consider using existing contracts, if appropriate. Proposers may recommend such a contracting arrangement, but should confirm with the Contracting Officer of the existing contract that all existing contract scope, terms, conditions and ceiling requirements are met before proposing such an arrangement. The government is anticipating the award of cost, cost plus fixed fee, or cost sharing contracts.

### 2. GENERAL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION INFORMATION:

Proposers must submit an electronic copy of the full proposal referring to BAA-0002-09 in PDF format to the Contracting Officer listed above in the Point of Contact information. Proposals must be submitted via email in the format shown in Attachment B. Proposals must be submitted prior to 1:00 PM (Philadelphia Time) on March 24, 2009. However, since each proposal will be evaluated on its own merit, proposers are encouraged to submit a proposal prior to the closing date.

No additional information is available, nor shall a formal RFP or other solicitation regarding this announcement be issued. Requests for same shall be disregarded. The Government reserves the right to select for award all, some, or none of the proposals received.

This is an unrestricted acquisition. All responsible sources capable of satisfying the Government's needs may submit a proposal which shall be considered by DLA. DLA encourages industry, small businesses, and small disadvantaged business concerns to submit proposals under this BAA. However, no portion of this BAA will be set aside. All correspondence and questions on this solicitation, including request for information on how to submit a proposal to this BAA, should be directed to the POC at the top of the BAA; e-mail is preferred.

### 3. **WARSTOPPER PROGRAM INFORMATION**:

The Warstopper Program was created to preserve the industrial base for critical go-to-war items that had insufficient peacetime business to keep the defense industrial base known producers in operation. Funding provided by the Warstopper Program is now used to support efforts aimed at keeping a viable industrial base and ensuring that, together with DLA's normal peacetime procurements and inventory and any Service prepositioned war reserve stock, every effort is made to meet the Service's go-to-war requirements with industrial preparedness measures. Criteria were established to identify potential Warstopper items. The basic criteria are:

- 1. Mission Essential or Critical
- 2. Low peacetime demand but high wartime demand
- 3. Limited shelf life
- 4. Long production lead time
- 5. Cost-effective alternative to War Reserve Inventory

Funding can be used for production equipment, necessary facility enhancements or modernization and associated costs specifically identified and measurable, or costs to maintain access to a trained unique DoD labor pool. It includes industrial preparedness measures, such as modernization and preservation of the production facilities, and contributory activities and services for planning with industry which are essential to the accomplishment of the complete industrial preparedness program, specifically identified and measurable to the following:

- 1. Replacement, rehabilitation, modernization, and other than normal maintenance of industrial facilities.
- 2. Reactivation of idle industrial facilities.
- 3. Layaway, maintenance, and protection of idle industrial facilities and similar actions related to the retention of under-utilized capacity being retained for mobilization or other emergency use.
  - 4. Acquire, maintain, or modernize special tooling and equipment as required to support a viable industrial capability.
  - 5. Maintenance of production data packages.
- 6. Other actions designed to facilitate the attainment of scheduled production goals, such as overall management, support, activity inspections, etc. An example in this category is a Lean 6 Sigma initiative designed to increase production yields.

The Program excludes costs of activities other than industrial facilities which are directly identifiable to the support of end items which are themselves identified to unique specific program elements.

### 4. **AREAS OF INTEREST**:

The areas of interest align with all of DLA's supply chains: Aviation, Clothing and Textiles, Construction and Equipment, Land, Maritime, Medical, Subsistence, and Energy. Each offeror should clearly have a target NSN or group of NSNs for improving industrial capability. If proposals are submitted by a sub-tier raw material supplier, then the target NSN population must still be identified. Proposals without a clearly identified target will not be considered for award. Equal consideration will be given to all approaches that enable improved surge and sustainment capability (i.e. significant reduction of lead-times, increased production capability, etc.

### 5. **EVALUATION CRITERIA**:

To be eligible for award of a contract, all prospective offerors must meet certain minimum standards pertaining to financial resources, adequacy of accounting systems under a cost type contract, ability to comply with performance schedules, and a prior record of past performance, integrity, organization structure, experience, operational controls, technical skills, facilities and equipment. For additional information and guidance concerning qualifications and standards for responsibility of prospective contractors, please refer to Part 9 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR). As soon as the proposal evaluation is completed, the proposer will be notified of selectability or non-selectability. Selectable proposals will be considered for funding; non-selectable proposals will be destroyed. (One copy of non-selectable proposals may be retained for file purposes). Not all proposals deemed selectable will be funded. Decisions to fund selectable proposals will be based on funds availability and merits of the proposal. Proposals may be considered for funding for a period of up to one year. The Government reserves the right to select for award all, some, or none of the proposals received. Proposals will not be evaluated against each other since they are not submitted in accordance with a common work statement. Evaluation of proposals shall be accomplished through a detailed review of each proposal, using the following criteria listed in descending order of relative importance:

- 1. <u>Project Scope</u>: Address the critical item(s) that meet(s) Warstopper criteria, and how these items impact readiness of combat forces and end item applications used during wartime and contingency operations. At a minimum this includes NSN(s), demand history, and applicable Warstopper criteria.
- 2. Overall technical merit of the proposed project/investment: Provide detailed technical approach, rationale, and strategy for improving overall production capability (either output or lead-time). Note that projects that propose a finished product inventory solution as a primary component will not be considered. Demonstrate an understanding of the overall supply chain for the targeted supply items and provide evidence that proposed solution will eliminate the constraints within the supply chain.
- 3. <u>Past Performance</u>: Provide confirmation that the supplier is certified/qualified to supply the item(s) to DLA and the Military Services including a listing of past contracts awarded for the items included in the proposal.

- 4. <u>Project Management</u>: Provide a milestone schedule. Show how the contract shall be managed. Show that the proposer's organizational structure shall ensure performance stability, reliable customer service, and a commitment to DLA and the Warstopper Program.
- 5. <u>Cost Realism</u>: Provide an itemized investment list and timephased funding requirement. Provide Return on Investment (ROI) calculations (see proposal format for ROI guidance in Attachment B). Demonstrate realism of total costs proposed (i.e. copy of quotes for material/equipment that must be purchased, labor costs to install equipment or complete modernization effort, basis for and management fees to manage inventory, etc.).

It is the Government's intention to award contracts based upon proposals that demonstrate knowledge, experience, and expertise in the areas of interest identified in Section 4. The proposal must clearly articulate the proposed project/investment and the improved capability that would result if the project were approved.

### 6. **PROPOSAL INFORMATION**:

This BAA may result in the award of multiple contracts or tasks added to existing contracts. Selectable proposals will be considered for funding, but not all proposals deemed selectable will be funded. Decisions to fund selectable proposals will be based on funds availability and the merits of the proposal. Proposals may be considered for funding for a period of up to one year. The Government reserves the right to select for award all, some, or none of the proposals received. The Government contemplates award of a cost, cost plus fixed fee, or cost sharing contracts.

A warstopper project proposal shall be submitted in response to this BAA. Proposals must be submitted electronically as a PDF file in the format provided in Attachment B to this BAA. Proposals should be submitted via email to the Contracting Officer listed in the Point of Contact Information:

Contracting Officer: Nick Strasser, email: <u>nicklos.strasser@dla.mil</u>.

Technical proposals in response to this BAA shall be limited to fifteen (15) single sided, 8 x 11 pages, including Appendices and Attachments. If less than fifteen pages is required there is no penalty for submitting shorter proposals, so long as the offeror covers all the required material. Additional pages beyond 15 shall not be considered in the evaluation. Type font shall be 12 point Times New Roman with 1 inch margins around the page.

Business (cost) proposals shall be limited to five (5) single sided, 8 x 11 pages, including Appendices and Attachments. If less than five pages is required there is no penalty for submitting shorter proposals, so long as the offeror covers all the required material. Additional pages beyond 5 shall not be considered in the evaluation. Type font shall be 12 point Times New Roman with 1 inch margins around the page.

### Class of Supply Areas of Interest

I	Combat Rations						
II	Personal protective gear  (Examples Pedra arrest Fire retendent elething ISLIST etc.)						
IV	(Examples Body armor, Fire retardant clothing, JSLIST, etc.) Barrier Material						
VIII	1) Vaccines						
V 111	2) Short Shelf Life Reagents						
	3) Injectable Drugs						
	4) Medical Equipment						
IX	1) Bearings						
171	2) Power Sources (i.e. batteries)						
	3) Water Purification Systems						
	4) Fasteners						
	5) Industry Sectors with go-to-war items that would receive						
	significant benefit through the application of Lean						
concepts	8						
1	6) Rapid Manufacturing - Identify Industry manifesting cells that						
are	capable of producing low demand critical items						
using Rapid	Prototyping and Manufacturing concepts.						
	7) Small Arms Federal Supply Class 1005 (Guns, thru 30 mm)						
	8) Electron Tubes and Associated Hardware						
	Warstopper Project Proposal						
	Section I						
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<b>Proposal From:</b> Plea	ase provide the name of the company proposing the project						
<b>Broad Agency Anno</b>	uncement Number: Please provide the BAA number						
<u>Supply Chain Impacted:</u> Please state which DLA supply chain is impacted by the proposal (Aviation, Land, Maritime, Clothing and Textile, Subsistence, Medical, Construction and Equipment, or Energy)							
TITLE: Please prov	ide the name of the initiative proposed under the BAA						
POINTS OF CONTACT:							

Technical POC:

Check the appropriate box indicating your company type.

Large Small Disadvantaged Business Other, Small business

Other, Non-profit

Is the	ere an existi	ng contract for the	item	that can be	be leveraged in the event of an award?
		Yes			No
If yes	s, please pro	ovide the following	g:		
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Cont	racting Offi	cer contact info:			
**Pl	ease provid	le a signed transn	nittal l	letter with	h this proposal
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Exec	utive Sumi	nary: Please prov	ride an	ı executive	e summary for your proposed project.
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		y: Please provide east the last 5 years		ical demai	and data for the item(s) included in this
War	stopper Cr	iteria: (check all	that a	apply—mi	ninimum criteria are indicated by *)
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	LIMITED	SHELF LIFE			

**TECHNICAL MERIT**: Summarize the proposed investment/project and be sure to include the following information:

<b>Supply Chain Assessment</b> : Please provide a brief description of the end-to-end
supply chain for the targeted items including current production capability. Please
provide a flow chart and a description of the constraint at a minimum.

produ	Check the appropriate box ction/supply.	indic	ating the area of the supply cl	hain c	constraining the
	Sub-tier Supplier		Manufacturer/Assembler		Distributor

**Industrial Capability Improvement**: Explain how the initiative will improve industry's capability to respond to surges in demand and mitigate the need to purchase and store finished product as WRM. Be sure to include any assumptions used in your analysis.

**PAST PERFORMANCE:** Please confirm certification/qualification to provide the items referenced in this proposal.

**PROJECT MANAGEMENT:** Please provide a milestone schedule for the investment/project showing when the planned improvements/increased capability will be achieved. This section should also address how the project will be managed.

**COST REALISM**: Please provide funding estimates for your proposed investment/project. Please add rows as necessary.

What are the itemized investments for the proposed solution?

<b>Investment Description</b>	Category	Cost	Start Date	End Date
i.e. Extruder	Equipment			
i.e. 1000 lbs fiber A	Material			
i.e. 1000 lbs fiber B	Material			
i.e. Inventory management fee	Management Fee			

Exhibit 1 – TIME PHASED FUNDING (in \$000): There should be only one row foreach category listed above.

	Year1	Year2	Year3	Year4	Year5	TOTAL
Equipment						
Material						
Management Fees						
TOTAL:						

**Return on Investment (ROI) Summary:** Please complete the following table to compute an ROI for the proposed investment.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Cost of proposed project	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Total 1 (sum 5 year costs)	\$70,000.00				
Cost to stock an equivalent amount of end item inventory	\$ 142,416.00	\$ 38,601.00	\$ 38,601.00	\$ 38,601.00	\$ 38,601.00
Total 2 (sum 5 year costs)	\$296,823.00				
ROI					
(Total 2/Total 1)	5.4				

If the proposed investment is for material, equipment, or a facility modernization initiative then supporting documentation must be provided to validate the purchase or lease costs (i.e. vendor quotes). If the proposed investment is a study or an initiative requiring skilled labor, then the proposal must include:

1. Direct Labor: Individual labor categories or assigned persons with associated labor hours and unburdened direct labor rates

- 2. Indirect Costs: Fringe benefit, Overhead, G&A, Cost of Money, etc. (must show base amount and rate)
- 3. Travel: Number of trips, destinations, durations, etc.
- 4. Other Direct Costs: All other costs associated with the project should be itemized.

Please include a statement related to the latest DCAA audit and whether the offeror's accounting system has been approved by the DCAA. State if there are currently negotiated DCAA rates and factors being used in the proposal.